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This is a story about the Nkosi family.
It tells you about them.

What do they like?
What do they want?
What do they feel?
What do they dream?

The Nkosi family lives in a house in Inanda.

There are seven people in the family.

Bonga Nkosi, the father, works as a packer in a factory.

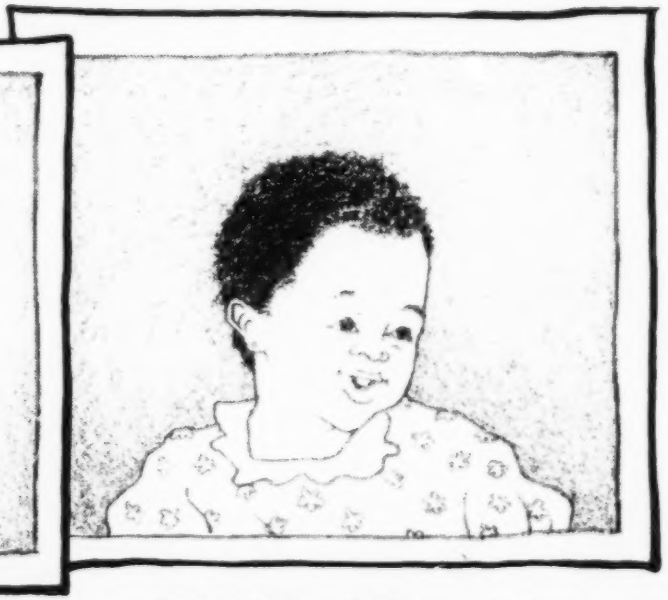
MaDube Nkosi, the mother, sells food at the station.

Gogo Nkosi looks after the small children at home.

Saneliso Nkosi, the first-born, is looking for a job.

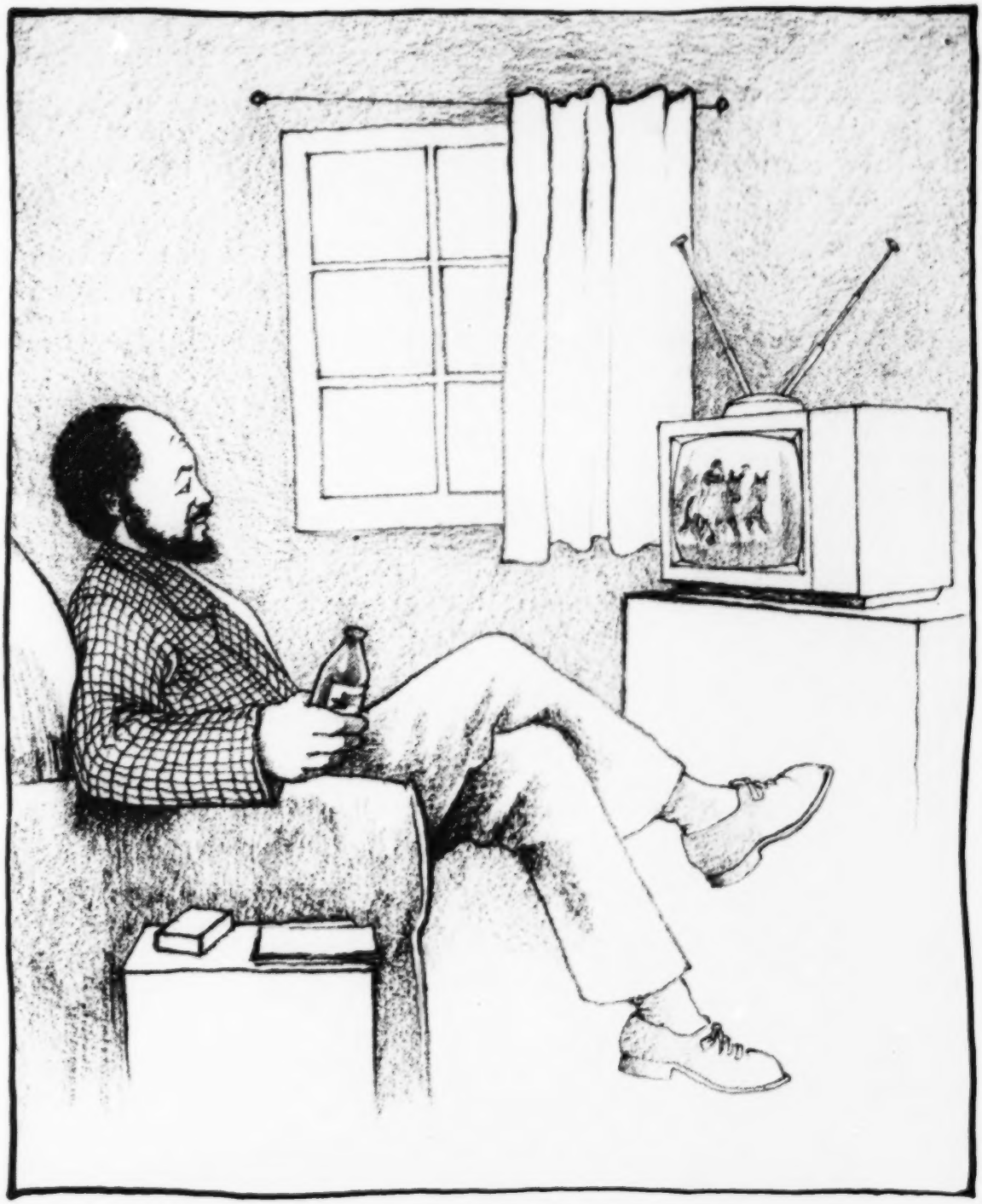
Mbali Nkosi, the daughter, is in standard nine.

Sipho Nkosi, the second son, is in standard two.



Philile Nkosi is two years old and is the daughter of Mbali.

What do they like?



Nkosi likes beer and horse-racing.

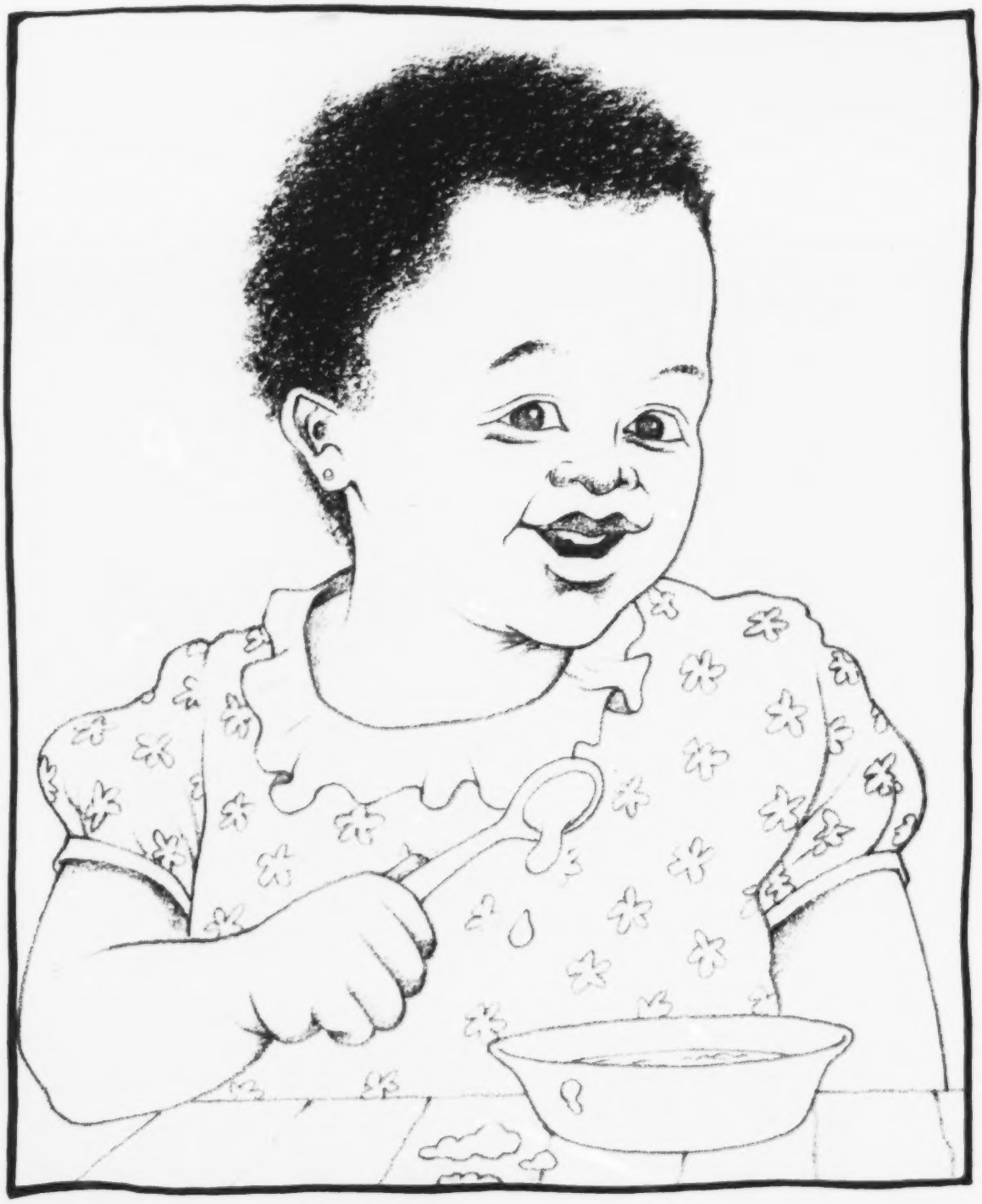
MaDube likes peace and quiet.

Gogo Nkosi likes the radio and knitting.

Saneliso likes going to meetings and girls.

Mbali likes Lucky Dube and reading.

Sipho likes soccer.



Philile likes porridge.

What do they want?

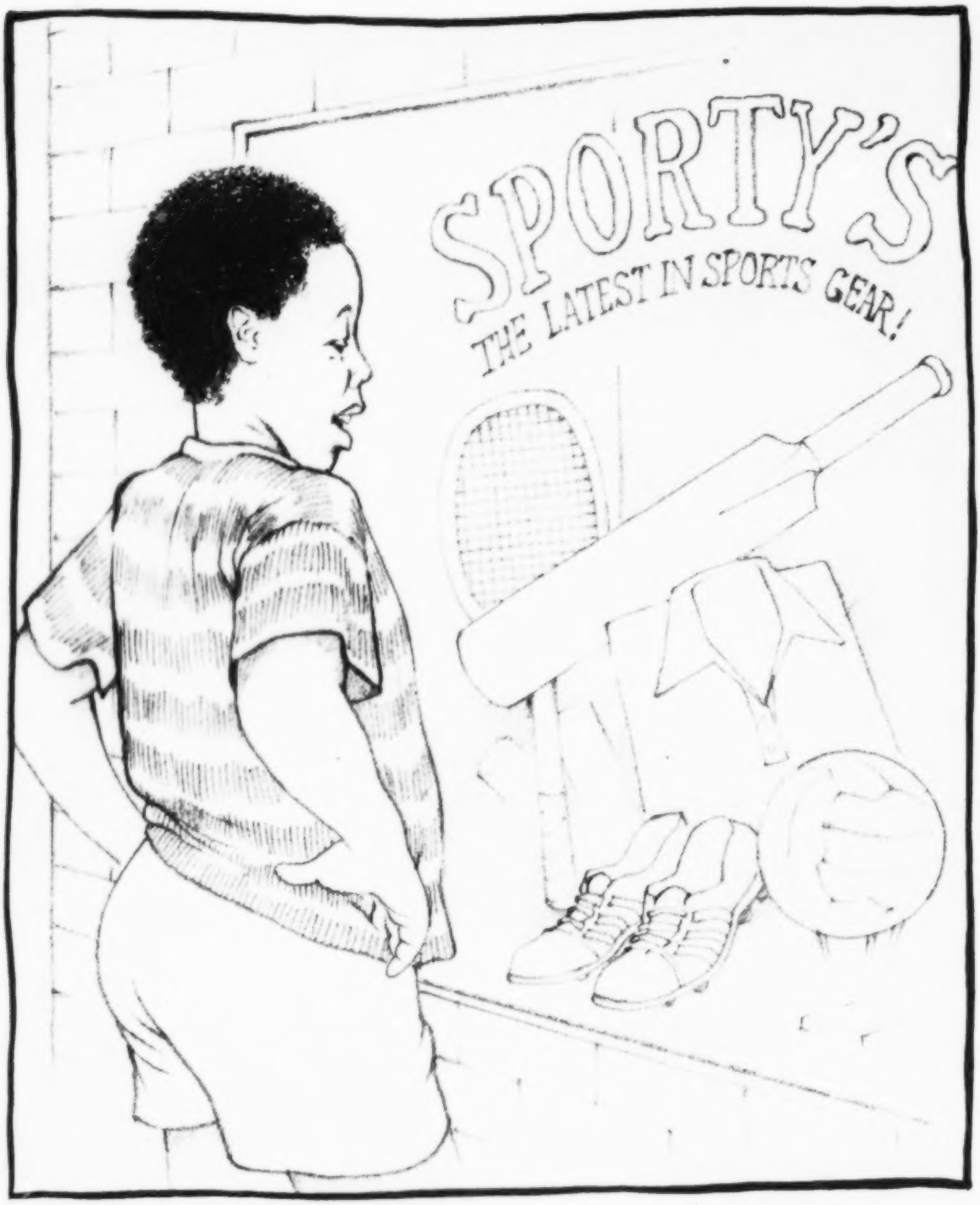
"I just want some spare cash," says Nkosi.

"I need a new hat for church," says MaDube.

"An old lady needs a warm blanket," says Gogo.

"Please give me some money for shoes," says Saneliso.

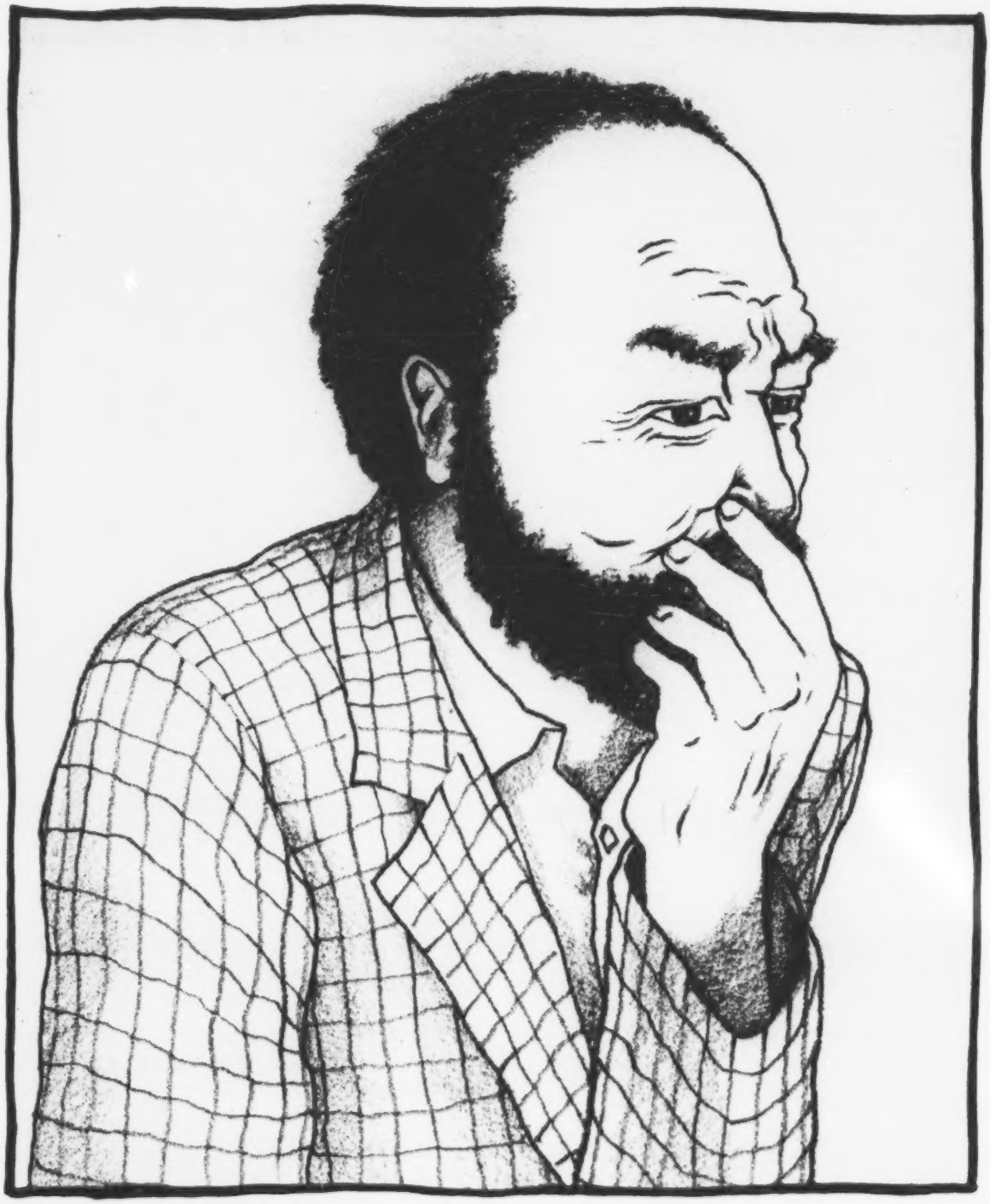
"I really want my hair done," says Mbali.



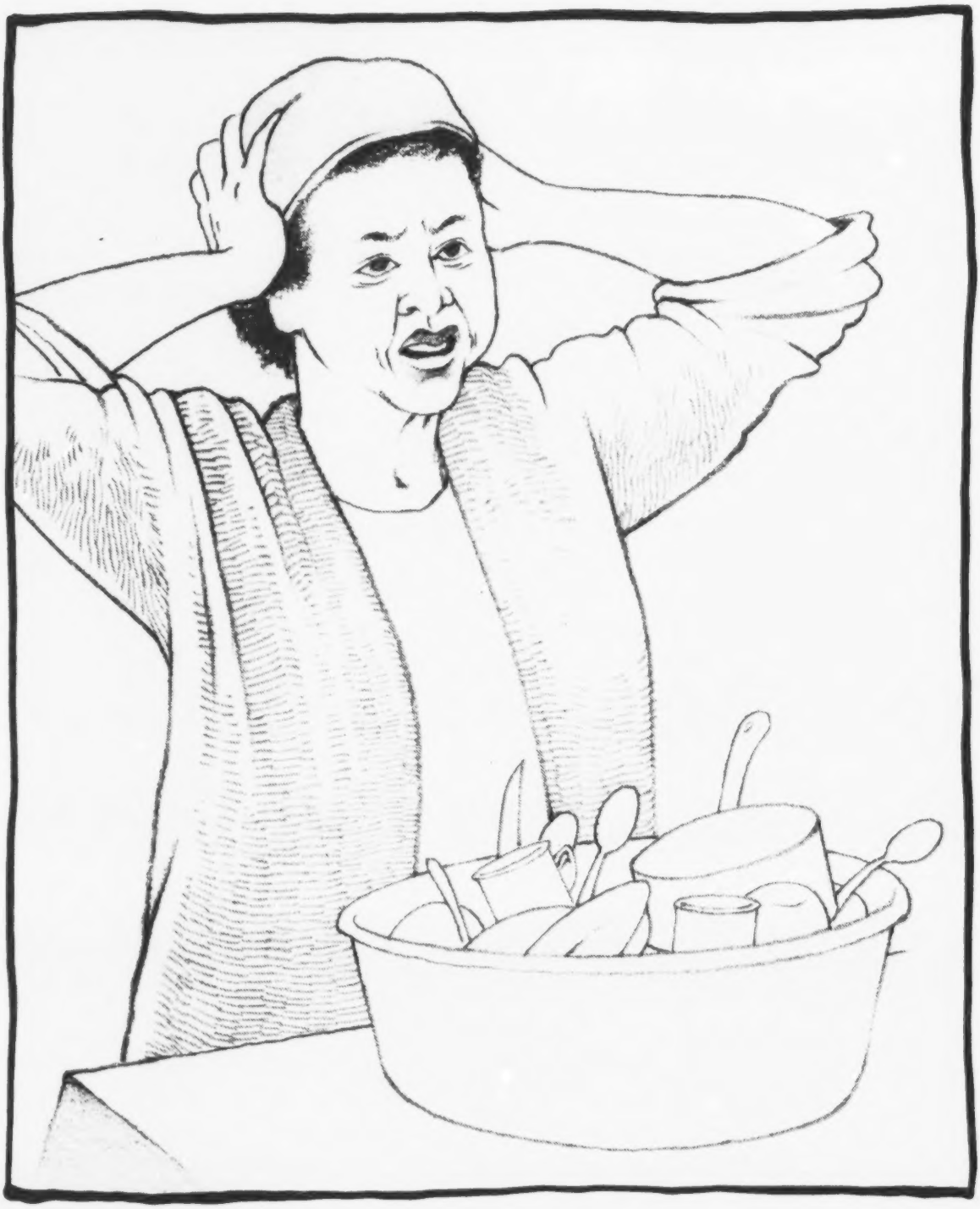
"Please give me some money for a football," says Sipho.

"What's money?" says Philile.

How do they feel?

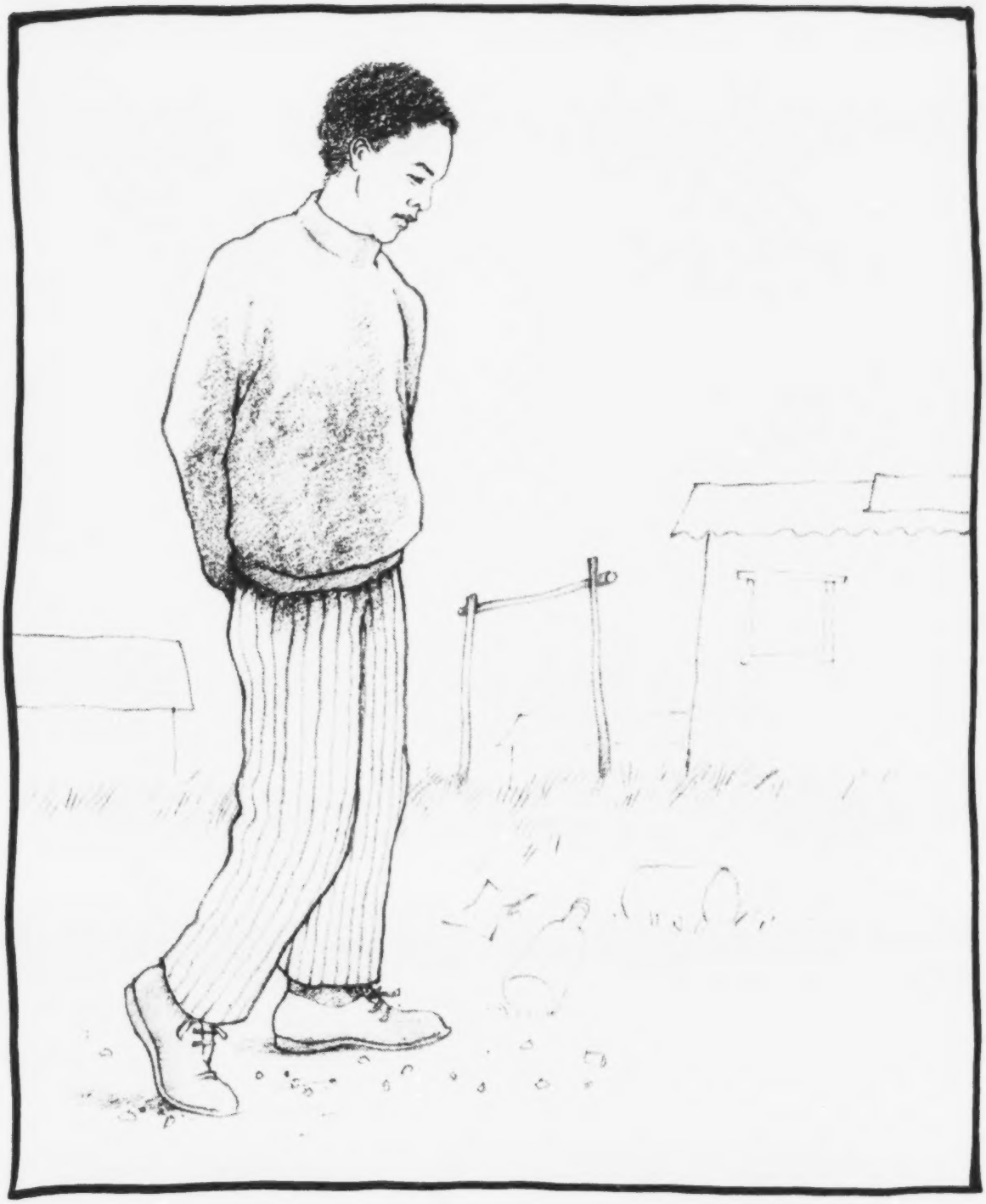


Nkosi feels worried.



MaDube feels crazy.

Gogo feels peaceful.



Saneliso feels bored.

Mbali feels happy.

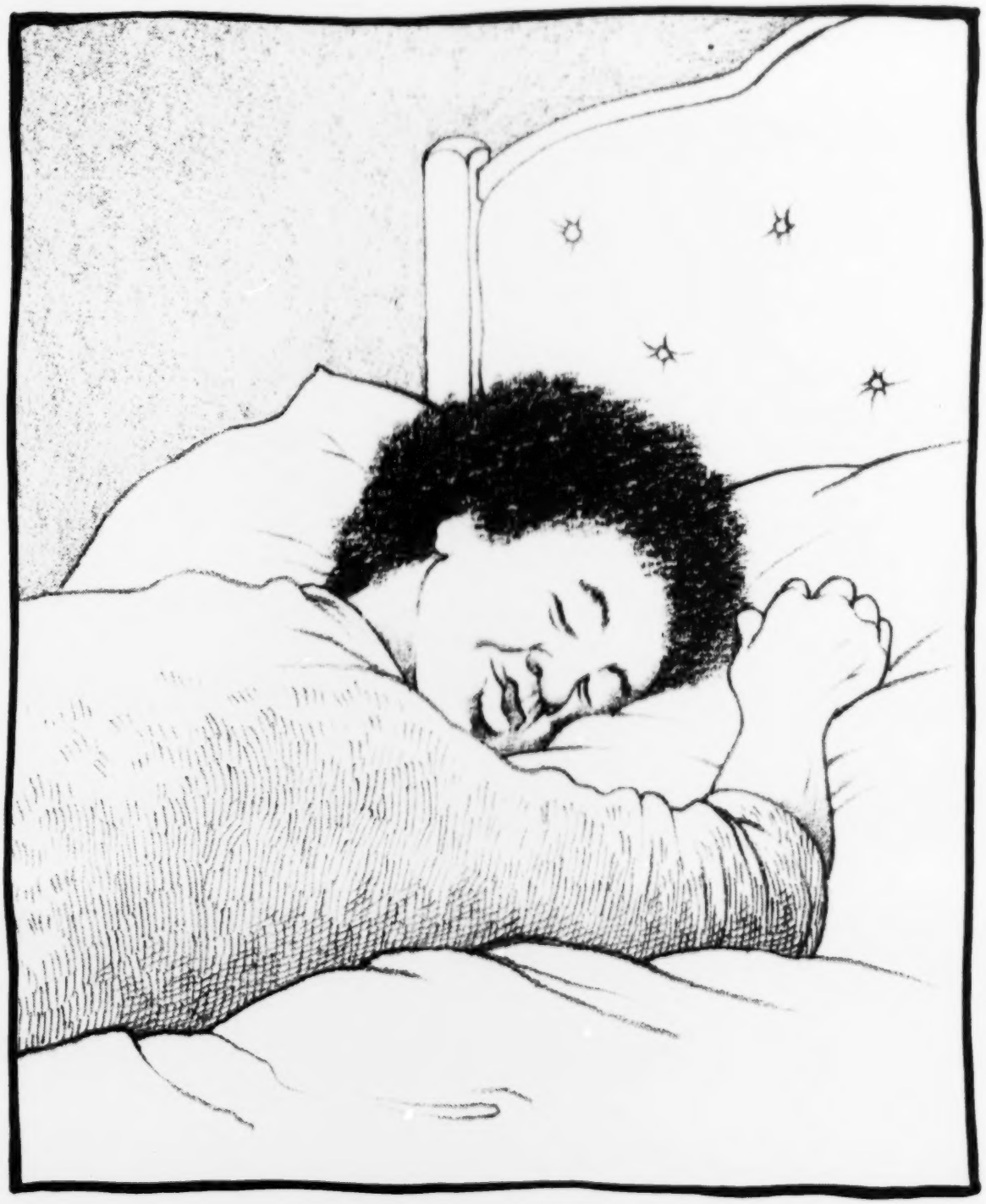
Sipho feels sad.

Philile feels her toes.

What are their dreams?

"Let's dream," says MaDube.

"I'm the owner of a new house,"
says Nkosi.



"I'm resting for a week," says MaDube.

"I'm young and strong," says Gogo.

"I'm a T.V. presenter," says Saneliso.

"I'm dancing with Lucky Dube,"
says Mbali.

"I'm Jomo Sono," says Sipho.

"What's a dream?" says Philile.

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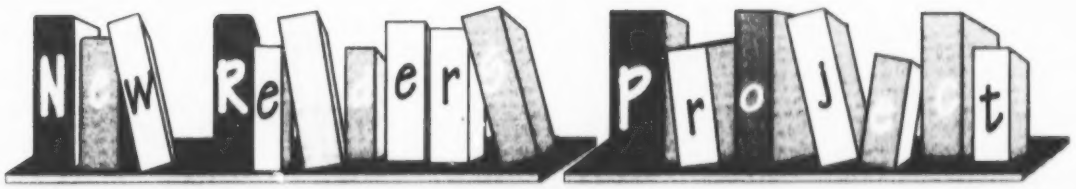
The seven members of the Nkosi family have their own likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams, just like everybody else. Let them all, from Gogo Nkosi to two year old Philile, share their feelings with you.



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